

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating seal ~~that is~~ provided in an annular space formed between a shaft and a housing, which move relatively to each other in a direction of the shaft, ~~and has~~ said reciprocating seal comprising

a seal lip brought into sliding contact with a surface of the shaft,

~~wherein the seal lip has~~ having a two-step lip structure including a first step
and a second step in which,

a plurality of protrusions extending in ~~the a~~ a direction ~~in which a main seal~~
~~lip relatively moves with respect~~ parallel to the [surface of the] shaft ~~are,~~ said
plurality of protrusions being formed on a surface of the ~~lip of a~~ second step.